

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hughes, Ian et al.

Serial No.: 10/550,939 Examiner: M. L. Hobbs

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Confirmation No: 45965 Attorney docket No.: PB60179USw

Title: *Apparatus and method for the isolation of produced particles as a suspension in a non-supercritical fluid.*

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Amendment and RCE under 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir,

The following is in response to the final Office Action dated April 13, 2009. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, bringing the period of response to on or before October 13, 2009. To allow entry of this Amendment and consideration of the attached Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and 1449, this paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Entry of this Amendment, reconsideration of the claims, consideration of the references cited, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this response, including extension of time fees to Applicants' deposit account 07-1392.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 2

Remarks begin on page 5.